

Associate Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, OPM; Elaine Duke, Under Secretary, Management, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

FY 2010 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

Committee on Science and Technology: Held a hearing on An Overview of the Federal R&D Budget for Fiscal Year 2010. Testimony was heard from John P. Holdren, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy.

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act and Small Business.” Testimony was heard from Nancy A. Bird, Acting Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DISASTER RESPONSE CAPABILITIES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Held a hearing on An Independent FEMA: Restoring the Nation’s Capabilities for Effective Emergency Management and Disaster Response. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TRANSPORTATION’S HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on Reauthorization of the Department of Transportation’s Hazardous Materials Safety Program. Testimony was heard from Cynthia Douglass, Acting Deputy Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; Deborah Hersman, member, National Transportation Safety Board; and public witnesses.

VETERANS APPELLATE PROCESS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on Examining Appellate Processes and Their Impacts on Veterans. Testimony was heard from Judge Bruce E. Kasold, U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: James P. Terry, Chairman, Board of Veterans’ Appeals; and Ronald S. Burke, Director, Appeals Management Center, Veterans Benefits Administration; representatives of veterans organizations; and a public witness.

FEDERAL CONTRACT COMPLIANCE

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on Federal Contract Compliance. Testimony was heard from Lorenzo Harrison, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Department of Labor; Jan R. Frye, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Acquisition and Logistics, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

U.S. TRADE/INVESTMENT AGREEMENTS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on Investment Protections in U.S. Trade and Investment Agreements. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BRIEFING—INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT IN AFGHANISTAN

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Intelligence Support in Afghanistan. Testimony was heard from LTG Richard Zahner, Deputy Chief of Staff, G–2, U.S. Army, Department of Defense.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Robert M. Groves, of Michigan, to be Director of the Census, Department of Commerce, 9:30 a.m., SD–342.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request on Defense Health Program Overview, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces, on Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for Department of the Navy shipbuilding acquisition programs, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 18 through May 23, 2009

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at 10 a.m., Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 627, Credit Cardholders’ Bill of